

High School Grade Assignment for Accountability Calculations Frequently Asked Questions

The goal of Michigan's testing policy is to ensure that ***all*** students take the high school assessments. Although most students take the assessment and are included in a school's accountability calculations in 11th grade, there are some specific exceptions to this.

Please also note that 12th grade students are expected to take the high school assessments if they have not previously counted in accountability calculations or do not meet any exception criteria.

1. Is a student from out-of-state who enters the state for the first time as a 12th grade student expected to test?

A: No. A student who moves into the state during the summer or during their 12th grade year, and who was not enrolled in a Michigan school in the year prior, is not expected to test.

2. Does a senior new to a school this year have to test if they only received partial scores on the high school assessment during their junior year in their former school?

A: No. This student would have counted in accountability calculations at their former school as a junior. The student can elect to take the high school assessments as a senior if they are a first-time tester or if they took the assessment and did not receive valid scores in all MME subject areas as a junior. If they retake the test, their scores and participation will not be used in accountability calculations.

3. Is a fifth year senior required to take the high school assessments?

A: No, unless he/she has not yet counted in accountability calculations. Schools may search the Secure Site to check a student's test history.

4. Does a senior who attended school in another country as a foreign exchange student during their junior year need to take the high school assessments?

A: Yes. A senior is required to test if they were previously enrolled in the same high school prior to their foreign exchange program participation but were not previously counted in accountability calculations.

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5. Do students enrolled as foreign exchange students from other countries need to take the high school assessments?

A: Yes, if a school enrolls a foreign exchange student in 11th grade. All grade 11 students will be expected to test and count in accountability calculations. If a school enrolls a foreign exchange student in 12th grade, that student is **NOT** expected to test.

6. Does a senior who is new to a school and was enrolled in a private school or homeschooled in previous years have to test?

A: No. This student is encouraged, but not required, to test. The student will not be considered in accountability calculations.

7. Does a private school or homeschooled student who is partially enrolled at a school need to test?

A: No. Students who are enrolled in a public school for less than a full FTE do not need to test if the correct residency is reported. Schools should make sure that these students are reported in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) with the proper Student Residency characteristic ("homeschooled" or "non-public school" student).